



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

February 13, 2014

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Woodards.

Council Committee Members Absent: Mayor Strickland.

Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes

Council Member Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Report from Tacoma Public Library Board of Trustees

At approximately 4:46 p.m., Susan Odencrantz, Tacoma Public Library Director, provided an update on the Tacoma Public Library, including information technology projects, facilities projects, current challenges and opportunities, and the review and realignment of the Library's Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued regarding the Northwest Room's graphic database, the Berger Trust, the importance of providing training for the tools that allow citizens to access information, and the Library's organizational chart. Chair Woodards requested the Library provide an update at a City Council study session after completing a needs assessment. Council Member Campbell suggested adding an automatic bibliography creator to the Library's web page.

Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities Interviews

At approximately 5:17 p.m., the Committee interviewed the following individuals for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities:

Luke Byram
Anna Cavanaugh
Sheryl Ellis
Todd Holloway
Krystal Monteros

Gerrit Nyland, Chair of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, reviewed the skills and qualities he would like individuals to possess when serving on the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between policies on visible disabilities and mental health or hidden disabilities. Chair Woodards requested the Chair or a member of a committee, board, or commissions attend the meeting when candidates are interviewed.

The Committee then interviewed Eric Vlasak.

Proposed Update to Appointment Terms for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities

At approximately 6:17 p.m., Doris Sorum, City Clerk, reviewed the term expirations for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, including original term lengths and expirations, the reason staff has realigned the terms, and the proposed term expirations. Discussion ensued regarding the potential motions for appointments and reappointments to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities, including motions for the candidates interviewed for reappointment at the meeting on January 23, 2014, and motions to reappoint and realign the terms for three members of the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities whose terms have not expired.

Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of Esther Bennett and Donald Izenman to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve three-year terms expiring August 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of Susan Dye, Roxanne Miles, and Gary Peterson to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve three-year terms expiring August 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of JoAnn Fritsche and Linda Moran to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve three-year terms expiring August 31, 2017. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the reappointment of Gerrit Nyland to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve a three-year term expiring August 31, 2016. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Campbell moved to recommend the appointment of Luke Byram to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to fill an unexpired term expiring August 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Krystal Monteros to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve a three-year term expiring August 31, 2017. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Lonergan moved to recommend the appointment of Todd Holloway to the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities to serve a three-year term expiring August 31, 2015. Seconded by Council Member Campbell. Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications of the candidates interviewed tonight. Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was adopted.

Chair Woodards requested staff encourage Anna Cavanaugh and Sheryl Ellis to apply for openings on the Human Services Commission due to their experience and interest in hidden disabilities and mental health issues. Ms. Sorum and Chair Woodards recognized

Linnea Meredith, City Clerk's Office, for her work on realigning the terms for the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Tansy Hayward, Neighborhood and Community Services Director, stated the meetings of February 27, 2014 and March 13, 2014 have been cancelled. Discussion ensued regarding whether the meeting on April 10, 2014 will need to be cancelled. Chair Woodards requested staff cancel the April 10, 2014 meeting and schedule a special meeting on April 3, 2014. The Committee requested the addition of the following topics to the meeting schedule:

- Civic Health Index Report
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's Health Equity Report
- Tacoma Public Library Needs Assessment Update
- Welcoming America
- Metal Theft
- Legislative Update

Ms. Hayward noted the legislative update will include items related to this Committee even if they were not specifically listed on the City's legislative agenda.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office